

Docket No.: AHP-P01896US0 (PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action Mailed February 24, 2005, and thus, is a *bona fide* attempt to advance the application. Please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.